No. 9300251

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED, PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSES, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'9304'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this thirty-first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five.

Attest:

Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Secretary of Agriculture

FORM APPROVED: OMB 0581-0055, Expires 1/31/91

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions on reverse)

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) *(as it is to appear on the Certificate)*
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NO.

3. VARIETY NAME
9304

4. ADDRESS *(street and no. or R.F.D. no., city, state, and ZIP)*
700 Capital Square
400 Locust
Des Moines, IA 50309

5. PHONE *(Include area code)*
(515) 270-3582

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FILING
Date: June 22, 1993
Time: 9:40 ☑ A.M. ☐ P.M.

FEES
Filing and Examination Fee: $ 2325.00
Date: June 7, 1993

RECEIVED
Certificate Fee: $ 300.00
Date: Sept. 5, 1995

6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME
Glycine max

7. FAMILY NAME *(Botanical)*
Leguminosae

8. CROP KIND NAME *(Common Name)*
Soybean

9. DATE OF DETERMINATION
October 1987

10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION *(Corporation, partnership, association, etc.)*
Corporation

11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION
Iowa

12. DATE OF INCORPORATION
1926

13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS

John Grace
7301 NW 62nd Ave., P.O. Box 85
Johnston, IA 50131-0085

Mike Roth (copy)
700 Capital Square, 400 Locust Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

PHONE *(Include area code)*:

14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED *(Follow INSTRUCTIONS on reverse)*

a. ☒ Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety.
b. ☒ Exhibit B, Novelty Statement.
c. ☒ Exhibit C, Objective Description of Variety.
d. ☒ Exhibit D, Additional Description of Variety.
e. ☒ Exhibit E, Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership.
f. ☒ Seed Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds). Date Seed Sample mailed to Plant Variety Protection Office 6/11/93.
g. ☒ Filing and Examination Fee ($2,150) made payable to "Treasurer of the United States."

15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? *(See section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act.)*
☐ YES *(If "YES," answer items 16 and 17 below)* ☒ NO *(If "NO," skip to item 18 below)*

16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS?
☐ YES ☐ NO

17. IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED?
☐ FOUNDATION ☐ REGISTERED ☐ CERTIFIED

18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S.?
☐ YES *(If "YES," through* ☐ Plant Variety Protection Act ☐ Patent Act. Give date: _____.)
☒ NO

19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES?
☐ YES (If "YES," give names of countries and dates)
☒ NO

20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable.

The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.

Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT *(Owner(s))*	CAPACITY OR TITLE	DATE
D. John Grace, for	Soybean Research Manager	6/1/93
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT *(Owner(s))*	CAPACITY OR TITLE	DATE

Attachment: 9304 Soybean (March, 1993)

Exhibit A: Variety 9304 evolved from a cross of variety HP2530 X variety A2943. It is an F5-derived variety which was advanced to the F5 generation by modified single-seed descent. The F6 progeny row of 9304 was grown in Iowa during the summer of 1987. Subsequently, 9304 has undergone five years of extensive testing and purification and has been observed by the breeder to be uniform and stable for all plant traits from generation to generation, with no evidence of variants.

Seed hila of variety 9304 are buff in color, and under certain environmental conditions may appear yellow in color. When seeds of this type are planted, they produce plants having seeds with buff color.

The purification block was grown during 1990 and 64 sublines were bulked for increase. 4 acres of 9304 (breeders seed) were grown in 1991. 109 acres of parent seedstock (foundation seed equivalent) were grown in 1992.

Exhibit B: Variety 9304 is most similar to variety HP2530. Both varieties have white flowers, gray pubescence and yellow seeds with buff hila. However, HP2530 has low seed protein peroxidase activity whereas 9304 has high peroxidase activity.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN & SEED DIVISION
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (Glycine max L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION	VARIETY NAME
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.		9304

ADDRESS *(Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code)*
700 Capital Square
400 Locust Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

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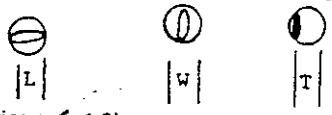
Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g., [0][9]). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:

[2]



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)
2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)
3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)
4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ **2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)**

[1] 1 = Yellow 2 = Green 3 = Brown 4 = Black 5 = Other *(Specify)* _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

[1] 1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ **4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)**

[1][6] Grams per 100 seeds

★ **5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)**

[1] 1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4 = Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 6 = Black 7 = Other *(Specify)* _____

★ **6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)**

[1] 1 = Yellow 2 = Green

★ **7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:**

[2] 1 = Low 2 = High

★ **8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:**

[ ] 1 = Type A ($SP1^a$) 2 = Type B ($SP1^b$)

★ **9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:**

[1] 1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis') 2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')
3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')
4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ **10. LEAFLET SHAPE:**

[3] 1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate 4 = Other *(Specify)* _____

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

[2] 1 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312') 2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17') 3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

12. LEAF COLOR:

[2] 1 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York') 2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

★ 13. FLOWER COLOR:

[1] 1 = White 2 = Purple 3 = White with purple throat

★ 14. POD COLOR:

[2] 1 = Tan 2 = Brown 3 = Black

★ 15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

[1] 1 = Gray 2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

[2] 1 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71') 2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton') 3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

★ 17. PLANT HABIT:

[3] 1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton') 2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will') 3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

★ 18. MATURITY GROUP:

[0][6] 1 = 000 2 = 00 3 = 0 4 = I 5 = II 6 = III 7 = IV 8 = V 9 = VI 10 = VII 11 = VIII 12 = IX 13 = X

★ 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

★ [0] Bacterial Pustule *(Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis)*

★ [1] Bacterial Blight *(Pseudomonas glycinea)*

★ [0] Wildfire *(Pseudomonas tabaci)*

FUNGAL DISEASES:

★ [1] Brown Spot *(Septoria glycines)*

Frogeye Leaf Spot *(Cercospora sojina)*

★ [0] Race 1 [0] Race 2 [0] Race 3 [0] Race 4 [0] Race 5 [ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

[0] Target Spot *(Corynespora cassiicola)*

[0] Downy Mildew *(Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica)*

[0] Powdery Mildew *(Microsphaera diffusa)*

★ [1] Brown Stem Rot *(Cephalosporium gregatum)*

[0] Stem Canker *(Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora)*

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19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

★ [1] Pod and Stem Blight *(Diaporthe phaseolorum var; sojae)*

[0] Purple Seed Stain *(Cercospora kikuchii)*

[1] Rhizoctonia Root Rot *(Rhizoctonia solani)*

Phytophthora Rot *(Phytophthora megasperma var. sojae)*

★ [2] Race 1 [1] Race 2 [1] Race 3 [1] Race 4 [1] Race 5 [0] Race 6 [1] Race 7

[1] Race 8 [2] Race 10 [2] Race 12

VIRAL DISEASES:

[1] Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)

[1] Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)

★ [1] Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)

[1] Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)

★ [1] Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

Soybean Cyst Nematode *(Heterodera glycines)*

★ [0] Race 1 [0] Race 2 [1] Race 3 [0] Race 4 [ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

[0] Lance Nematode *(Hoplolaimus Colombus)*

★ [0] Southern Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne incognita)*

★ [0] Northern Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne Hapla)*

[0] Peanut Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne arenaria)*

[0] Reniform Nematode *(Rotylenchulus reniformis)*

[ ] OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM *(Specify)*: _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

★ [1] Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil

[ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

[0] Mexican Bean Beetle *(Epilachna varivestis)*

[0] Potato Leaf Hopper *(Empoasca fabae)*

[0] Other *(Specify)* _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	A2943	Seed Coat Luster	HP2530
Leaf Shape	A2943	Seed Size	A2943
Leaf Color	HP2530	Seed Shape	HP2530
Leaf Size	HP2530	Seedling Pigmentation	HP2530

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/ POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
9304 Submitted	127	1.2	84	--	--	43.4	20.2	16	
9303 Name of Similar Variety	127	1.7	89	--	--	43.0	21.2	17	

PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

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2. Buttery, B.R. and R.I. Buzzell. 1968. Peroxidase activity in seeds of soybean varieties. Crop Sci., 8: 722-725.
3. Hymowitz, T. 1973. Electrophoretic analysis of SBTI-A_2 in the USDA soybean germplasm collection. Crop Sci., 13: 420-421.
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Exhibit D: In Exhibit C we have identified 9304 as susceptible to bacterial blight, brown spot, pod and stem blight, rhizoctonia root rot, bud blight, yellow mosaic, cowpea mosaic, pod mottle, seed mottle, and iron chlorosis. This does not mean that 9304 is any worse for these problems than other varieties of similar maturity. Rather, we do not consider 9304 to be immune to them. Therefore, we have chosen to be conservative and have identified the line as 'susceptible'.

Table 1. Isozyme information for 9304

ACO2	ACO3	ACO4	ACP	DIA	ENP	IDH1	IDH2	MDH	MPI	PGM	PHI
1	1	1	A	B	A	2	1	B	A	1	1

9304 is a very early group III variety. If group III maturities are divided in tenths, the relative maturity for 9304 is 3.0.

Exhibit E: Variety 9304 was developed by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., for which it solicits a certificate of protection.